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POWDER EXPLOSION KILLS FOUR MEN

Lafin-Rand Powder Mills Near Columbus, Kansas Totally Wrecked
By Accident.

Columbus, Kans., May 11.—Four men were instantly killed, and property valued at several thousand dollars was destroyed by an explosion in the press room of the Lafin-Rand powder mills at Turk station, four miles north of here, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The dead:
JOSEPH STOVALL, 55 years old.
WILLIAM MORROW, 45 years old.
JAMES ROOD, 40 years old.
ROBERT McFARLAND, 25 years old, all of Columbus.

The press building was totally wrecked, portions of the heavy machinery being thrown many hundred feet. The bodies of the victims were literally torn to pieces and scattered over the enclosure.

Seventy-five men, employed in other buildings of the plant, were endangered by the explosion and the fire that followed it. In the other buildings large quantities of powder are stored and it was feared additional explosions would follow a spread of the flames. For two hours the entire force of workmen fought the fire with the apparatus at the plant and finally succeeded in bringing it under control.

Boyle Implicates Uncle of Boy in Kidnapping

Pittsburg, Pa., May 11.—The doors of the Western penitentiary of Pennsylvania closed last night upon James Boyle and his wife, Helen Boyle, kidnapers of "Willie" Whitley. The man is sentenced to life imprisonment and the woman to twenty-five years. But if there is truth in the statement issued by Boyle after his sentence was imposed, the case apparently ended by the conviction of the principals, has only just begun. By Boyle's revelation, not only is a brother of Mrs. W. P. Whitley involved in the kidnapping, but Whitley himself is alleged to have broken his word to the convicted man by prosecuting him. These allegations are both denied.

Boyle charges that Harry Forker, an uncle of "Willie" Whitley, suggested the abduction of the boy. Boyle says this was because since 1895 Forker had been paying him hush money in connection with an alleged murder in Youngstown, O., in that year. When \$5,000 was demanded at once, Forker could not produce, Boyle says, and it was then that the kidnapping scheme was broached.

When he met J. P. Whitley in Cleveland in regard to the payment of the ransom, Boyle says, he told the father of the boy all about the case and Forker's participation in it. He adds that Whitley said if he could prove the story there would be no prosecution. The child stealer says he did prove

SENSATIONAL STORIES ABOUT DUKE OF ABRUZZI

By Associated Press.
Rome, May 11.—Sensational stories apparently founded on good authority, have reached the government from India with reference to the Duke of Abruzzi. One report declares that the duke in one of his fits of depression, to which he has been subject of late, attempted to shoot himself and only the watchfulness of his attendants prevented the act.

ANOTHER CUT ANNOUNCED IN CRUDE OIL PRICE

By Associated Press.
Lima, Ohio, May 11.—The Standard Oil company, made its second slash in crude oil prices today. Another cut of five cents a barrel for all grades, being posted. While the stocks of eastern fields show heavy losses, millions of barrels are in storage in Oklahoma and to this, with the decline of domestic trade during the summer, is due the cut.

SENATE WILL VOTE ON PRODUCTS OF LEAD.

By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., May 11.—The votes on the duty on white lead and other products of lead will be taken in the senate today.

REPUBLICAN MAJORITY ABLE TO UPHOLD LEAD SCHEDULE

Aldrich Announces That Finance Committee Will Submit Entire New Schedule on Zinc and Lead Products—By Vote of 44 to 35 Duty of Two and a Half Cents on Pig Lead Was Sustained.

By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., May 11.—When the tariff bill was taken up by the senate today, Senator Aldrich stated that the committee on finance would submit to the senate a different scale of duties on zinc ore and the products of zinc, and asked that the schedule as well as the sections relating to lead products be passed over for the present. The request was conceded, Senator Bristow announcing that when the white lead schedule would be reached that he wishes to be heard on it.

The ability of the republican majority of the senate to uphold the recommendation of the committee on finance on the lead schedule, which contains the Dingley rates in the tariff bill in the place of the lower duties fixed by the house of representatives, was fully demonstrated yesterday, when by a vote of 44 to 35 the senate declined to reduce by one-quarter of a cent the duty on pig lead as recommended by the committee on finance.

In the vote, eleven republicans voted with the democrats, and two democrats with the republicans. By a viva voce vote the senate adopted the rate of 2½ cents a pound on pig lead, as recommended by the committee.

FOUR NEW STATE BANKS CHARTERED

Guthrie, Okla., May 12.—Four state banks were chartered Tuesday by the secretary of state. The First State bank of Pocomasset, capital \$10,000, was amended state bank charter. Farmers State bank of Sallisaw, capital \$25,000, was a conversion from a national bank. The Guarantee State bank of Kingfisher, capital \$25,000, a new bank. The Delaware State bank of Delaware, capital, \$10,000, is also a new bank.

SENATE'S ACTION ENDS PROHIBITION CHARGES

By Associated Press.
Jefferson City, Mo., May 12.—The senate today refused to recede from the tax rider amendment to the prohibition joint resolution and asked the house for a conference committee. This action is taken generally as the spelling the end of the measure at this session.

The fight on the tax rider was bitter and the vote so close that only one ballot was lacking to carry the motion to recede. The count showed seventeen affirmative ballots, one less than the constitutional majority. There were fifteen negative votes.

NO VIOLENCE REPORTED IN BESIEGED CITY.

By Associated Press.
Paris, May 12.—Paris today resembled a city in a state of siege. During the night the troops took possession of the central post and telegraph stations and at daylight squads of infantry men were picketed around the branch offices.

No violence has been attempted.

Notice to Taxpayers of Township 8.

All persons that feel aggrieved or dissatisfied with the assessment should appear before the equalization board Monday, May 17, and make their complaint.

C. V. CORSELOWEY,
Assessor.

MISSOURI LEGISLATURE TO ADJOURN MONDAY

By Associated Press.
Jefferson City, Mo., May 13.—The house today adopted a joint resolution fixing the time for sine die adjournment at noon, of May 17. The senate is expected to concur. It is doubtful if the conferees on the prohibition measure will be able by that time to force through an agreement, provided one is reached.

THREATENED TO DESTROY HOME OF TULSA WIDOW.

Tulsa, Okla., May 11.—Edward Miller was arrested last night on the charge of sending "black hand" letters to Mrs. J. A. Friend, a wealthy widow, threatening to destroy her home unless the sum of \$2,000 was left for him at a spot on the shore of Okmulgee lake.

HEAVY RAIN REPORTED IN KANSAS WHEAT BELT.

By Associated Press.
Kansas City, Mo., May 13.—Half an inch to an inch of rain was reported throughout the Kansas wheat belt early today. Reno, Rice, Stafford, Barton, Kingman, Pratt and McPherson counties were soaked. Wheat was greatly benefitted. Northwest Missouri also reports a heavy downpour.

INJURED WHILE FIGHTING FLAMES

Fire Practically Destroys Northern Kansas Town—Loss Estimated At About \$100,000.

By Associated Press.
Phillipsburg, Kans., May 13.—Fire at midnight last night at Long Island, Kans., a small town, twenty miles north of here, close to the Nebraska line, destroyed five business buildings, causing a loss estimated at a hundred thousand dollars.

The conflagration started in a furniture store, supposedly from spontaneous combustion and as the town had no fire apparatus, the flames practically burned themselves out. The buildings destroyed include the furniture store, a general store and a drug store. Two men were seriously injured while fighting the flames.

SECOND DEFEAT FOR CLUB LICENSE BILL.

By Associated Press.
Jefferson City, Mo., May 11.—A bill providing for the licensing of social clubs, which sell intoxicants to members, was defeated in the house today for the second time. The governor sent two messages to the legislature urging the passage of the measure.

Creagor Wants Division of Pie and Starts Row

Washington, May 11.—What appears to be the beginning of a struggle between the republican faction of old Oklahoma Territory side of the state against the Indian Territory side, for the control of the state organization, has broken loose in Washington. And the cause of it all is the choosing of a successor to John Hale, who recently resigned as a national bank examiner.

McGuire, Morgan and Creagor each have candidates for the place and they are standing pat on their recommendations. It is clearly apparent at this time that Creagor is going to demand this appointment for the east side of the state, and if he does not get it, there is to be a cutting loose the dogs of political warfare. It would appear, too, that Creagor is justified in this demand, as it is either get this appointment or admit that the two west side members of congress, backed by Chairman Norris of the state committee, and not he, are the pickers for the state. This situation has gradually been developing ever since the fourth of March.

It seems that McGuire and Norris had inside information of the forthcoming resignation of Hale, and be-

fore the other republican members knew of it at all, they had wired a recommendation for a Blackwell banker for the position. They also wired President Taft, assuming to themselves the right to dictate the appointment. About this time Morgan caught on and he and Cash Cade recommended Orren Lillon, a Geary banker, for the place. In the meantime Representative Creagor returned to Washington and announced that he was to be consulted and that the appointment is his due. It was expected that he would recommend a man either from Muskogee or Tulsa, but it is understood that his selection is a banker in one of the smaller towns of the Creek nation, though Mr. Creagor will not disclose his man.

Another interesting question has been brought out. That is whether the comptroller of the currency will stand for the appointment of an examiner who is not a national banker. It is known that at least one of the recommendations made is for a man who has been running a state guaranteed bank, and the treasury department is not particularly disposed to favor state banks as has been shown in several instances.

FRISCO WILL FIGHT CHARTER FORFEITURE

Oklahoma City, May 12.—The application of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railway company for a temporary injunction restraining the secretary of state from forfeiting the company's right to operate in this state because of its alleged failure to comply with the constitutional provision that all foreign public service corporations shall domesticate, was heard in chambers by United States Judge Cotter of the western district of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City yesterday. Arguments were concluded and a decision will be rendered probably within two weeks.

Attorney General West appeared for the state. When the Gertrude Goode action for damages against the company was transferred last year from the district court of the state to the federal court, Leo Meyer, first assistant secretary of state, issued an order forfeiting the railroad's right to do business in the state. The railway company sought a temporary injunction.

FATE OF CAPTAIN HAINS PLACED IN JURY'S HANDS.

By Associated Press.
Flushing, N. Y., May 11.—The fate of Peter C. Hains, Jr., on trial, charged with the murder of William E. Annis, was placed in the hands of the jury at noon today.

BOARD FORMULATES SET OF RULES OF PROCEDURE

Guthrie, Okla., May 12.—The state board of public affairs has published a set of rules under which it will proceed. Before ordering supplies for any department it is necessary for the department to make requisition upon blanks furnished by the board stating the amount, character and maximum cost of supplies desired, and the fund from which it is to be paid. It is the intention of the board to allow claims for supplies on the same day that supplies are delivered and claims filed. The board takes the position that it has no power to create a deficit and that before any account can be allowed, it must be definitely ascertained that the legislature has made an appropriation to cover the same.

Weston Leaves Ellsworth.

By Associated Press.
Ellsworth, Kans., May 13.—In excellent condition after walking forty-five miles yesterday, arriving here shortly after midnight last night, Weston, the aged pedestrian, continued westward at eight o'clock this morning.

Bishop Galloway is Dead.

By Associated Press.
Jackson, Miss., May 12.—Bishop Charles B. Galloway, of the Methodist Episcopal church died here today of pneumonia.

HOUSE REFUSES TO CONCUR ON SENATE AMENDMENT

By Associated Press.
Jefferson City, Mo., May 11.—Without debate and by a viva voce vote, the house today refused to concur in the senate amendments to the state-wide prohibition resolution, and sent it back to the upper house, asking that body to recede. The senate probably will decline to give up its changes and conference committees undoubtedly will be necessary.

MAY COMPLETE SPECIAL GRAND JURY WEDNESDAY

By Associated Press.
Tulsa, Okla., May 11.—Another effort was made in the federal court here today, to complete the grand jury, that is to reinvestigate the Muskogee town lot cases, involving Governor Haskell and others. Eleven qualified yesterday and five others were needed. The jury may not be completed till Wednesday.

JOURNAL CLAIMS IT HAS DISCOVERED LOST DUKE

By Associated Press.
Chicago, Ill., May 11.—The Journal today devotes the entire front page to the unequivocal statement that it has discovered the lost John Orth, otherwise Archduke Johann Salvator, of Austria, who disappeared nineteen years ago. According to the Journal Orth was discovered at Painesville, Ohio, working as a machinist and his advancing age and desire to be buried in Austria prompted him to make his identity known.

WRIGHTS WELCOMED BY PROMINENT AERONAUTS.

By Associated Press.
New York, May 11.—Wilbur and Orville Wright, the aeronauts, arrived here today from Europe, where they have been giving exhibitions with their machine. A number of distinguished aeronauts welcomed the Wrights as they landed and elaborate entertainments have been arranged in their honor.